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News Release

*For Immediate Release*

### **Hotel/motel tax reallocation application process begins again**

The Hotel/Motel Tax Reallocation Committee, a committee appointed by City Council to manage the grant award process for the returned tax proceeds from Wonders of Wildlife (WOW), will host a **mandatory question and answer session** for interested groups in applying for funds. Applicants may choose from one of two sessions: 5:30 p.m., Thursday, May 8, or 5:30 p.m., Thursday, May 15. Both sessions take place at the Creamery Arts Center, 411 N. Sherman Pkwy.

The funds are available for capital grants to Springfield not-for-profit organizations that promote tourism, recreation, education, and local economy. The application criteria and initial letter of intent form can be downloaded at [www.springfieldmo.gov/government](http://www.springfieldmo.gov/government) prior to the meeting. Any interested party must have at least one representative from their organization at the session to be eligible to apply. The session will review the history of the tax funds and the application criteria followed by a question and answer session. Application deadline is June 2.

WOW terminated their grant agreement in 2011 and agreed to forego receipt of all Hotel-Motel Tax proceeds after the termination date. City Council authorized 60% of the WOW tax funds to be reallocated to entities that qualify to receive said funds under the February 3, 1998 ballot, under the terms and conditions Council adopted in Special Ordinance No. 23448.

#### **2013 Hotel/Motel Tax Reallocation Funded Projects:**

Discovery Center of Springfield

\$22,500: New exhibition enhancement called "Bed of Nails"

History Museum on the Square

\$125,000: Installation of new exhibitions at its new location on Park Central Square

Springfield Art Museum

\$27,351: HVAC and climate control improvements

Springfield Little Theatre

\$45,323: Reconstructing and reconfiguring the balcony

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